

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF JANIS KING ARNOLD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Janis King Arnold, and in recognition of 36 outstanding years of service in the Cleveland Metro School District. She has been instrumental in bringing innovative educational programs to the Greater Cleveland Area.

Janis Arnold has a multifaceted and rich history in public service and recently retired from a long and illustrious career in the Cleveland Metro School District. She attended public schools in the Greater Cleveland Area and went on to earn a degree in Education from Central State University. During her 36-year tenure in the Cleveland Metro School District, Mrs. Arnold served as a classroom teacher, parent engagement coordinator, administrative intern and assistant principal. She was further able to demonstrate her leadership skills when she became Principal of John Buhner School in 1987—a position she would remain in until her retirement in August of this year. During her time at John Buhner School, Mrs. Arnold instituted a unique dual language program at the school—the first program of its kind in the State of Ohio. The program, designed to foster cross-cultural understanding and to give students the proper tools to become bilingual is partly funded through a grant by the U.S. Department of Education. She also expanded the school's music program through a grant from VH1's Save the Music Program and through partnerships with the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Cultural Coalition.

Mrs. Arnold has been recognized several times for leadership, innovative work and the relationships she forged between numerous churches and community agencies. Under her leadership, John Buhner School was awarded the School of Excellence Award from Esperanza, Inc. in 2001 and the Excelling School Award in 1997. Mrs. Arnold was recognized at the 21st Annual Multicultural/Multilingual Conference for her significant contributions to multicultural education.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Janis King Arnold, and in recognition of her significant contributions to education in the Greater Cleveland Area. May her work on fostering cross-cultural understanding and work with community organizing serve as an example for all of us to follow.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN E. MURRAY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of veteran, civil servant, and author Major General John E. Murray (United States Army Retired).

Born in Clifton, New Jersey, November 22, 1918, General Murray was drafted into the United States Army in 1941 as a private leaving his studies at St. John's University and rose to the rank of Major General. The career that followed was to take him through three wars, ten campaigns and logistic and transportation operations throughout the world. He earned his LL.B. from New York Law School in 1949, LL.D. in 1975 and M.A. from George Washington University in 1961. He was a member of the New York and United States Supreme Court Bar as well as a member of the Korean War.

He fought and served bravely during the Korean War and went on to become the Director of Army Transportation in 1969 and 1970. He then served as Chief of Logistics to the Pacific Command and Chief of Logistics for the Military Assistance Command from 1972 until late 1973, under the command of Admiral John S. McCain, Sr. After the cease of hostilities in Vietnam, he remained as chief military in charge of intelligence operations and support of the Vietnamese Armed Forces.

President Reagan called General Murray back to service in 1988–1989 where he served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict. He was inducted into the Army Transportation Corps Hall of Fame, located at Fort Eustis, Virginia in 2001.

After retiring from the military he served as Vice President of the Association of American Railroads and as special counsel to American International Underwriters. He served on the White House Agent Orange Working Group and the Defense Intelligence Task Force on POWs and MIAs. He also served with the White House Office of Science and Technology on epidemiological studies and with industry of a variety of legal and logistics matters.

General Murray lectured at Georgetown University on Crisis Management and at the National Defense University. He was a prolific author of articles involving logistics and business matters and also contributed book reviews to Time-Life books and National Defense Transportation magazine. Publications include Lawyers, Computers and Power; War Transport; Show Biz; The Myths of Business and the Business of Myths; Sweet Adversity; and The U.S. Army, how it Motivates.

Among his numerous awards were the D.S.M.; Legion of Merit; the Italian War Cross,

Knight Order Crown of Italy; and decorations from the Korean and Vietnamese Governments.

Madam Speaker, I was truly saddened by the death of General Murray. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Valerie, of Norfolk Virginia, his granddaughter Shana and grandson Andrew of Norfolk Virginia; his brother Danny of Arlington Virginia, and a large extended family.

HONORING REVEREND DR. J.
ALFRED SMITH, SR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman PETE STARK, to honor the extraordinary life accomplishments of the Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. He is a leader, teacher, spiritual guide, and inspiration to all who know him. Pastor Smith will be retiring this year from his position as Senior Pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Pastor Smith has led this church and our community for 40 years. In that time he has positively influenced countless lives and left an indelible mark. It is without doubt that his legacy will continue to inspire people and promote the strong ideals and unwavering humanity Pastor Smith has always stood for.

Throughout his life and tenure as Senior Pastor, Dr. Smith championed the causes of the poor and the disenfranchised. Through his many publications, interviews, and sermons, Dr. Smith reminded us everyday of our human obligation and the standards of dignity, charity, and common love that we must all live by. In the Greater Bay Area, he also spearheaded groundbreaking programs to reach out to those most in need and assist them in their struggles. He is an individual who never failed to practice what he preached, and who has used his own life as an example with grace, humility, and an unsurpassable kindness and empathy for others.

The ministries and message of Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. has made an impact locally, nationally, and internationally. From testifying before the United Nations in New York City in 1989 against the apartheid government in South Africa to securing affordable housing for seniors, he has dedicated his career to promoting peace and equality. His work has inspired and uplifted people from all faiths and backgrounds to dedicate their lives to this same noble pursuit.

This is Dr. Smith's true gift to us all—the gift of positive influence. He has inspired our leaders and our children to carry on the difficult fight for justice in a way that is both compassionate and relentless.

Through the many programs for youth that he has created and supported, Dr. Smith has invested himself fully in the education of the

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